



THURSDAY MORNING, MARCH 11, 1888.

THE MAINE FARMER: AN

AGRICULTURAL AND FAMILY

NEWSPAPER.

EDITOR'S TABLE.

ENGLISH GRAMMAR. The English Language in its elements and forms. With a history of its origin and development. Designed for general use in families and schools. By Wm. C. Fowler. New York: Harper & Bros.; Boston: A. Williams & Co.

We regard this work as the most complete and systematically arranged work on the English Language, for common use, that we have yet examined. It is an abridgment of the author's large work on the same subject, intended to bring it into a suitable compass for a school book.

During the past few years our text books for schools have received many important additions. Great improvements have been made in the art of teaching—among which we are inclined to consider the use of new and improved school books as not the least in importance. We are far from advocating frequent changes in text books. We know the tax it imposes upon parents, and the difficulty of overcoming habit, and the preference for long established works, but when any real improvement has been made, one that will outweigh any merely pecuniary objections, we are in favor of its adoption. The importance of the study of the English language is apt to be overlooked by our teachers, as well as by parents. Many scholars may be found studying Latin and Greek, who would make very creditable appearance, if questioned with regard to their own language. This, we think, should be different. No scholar, had we the charge of a school, should commence the study of the languages, until he had a good ground work of English grammar to start upon. Then, the two languages would mutually explain one another, and the progress of the pupil would be rapid and thorough. Holding this opinion, we invite the attention of teachers and school committees to this work. It cannot fail to do a beneficial work wherever introduced and properly studied.

THE LOST DAUGHTER. We have received from T. B. Peterson & Bros., Philadelphia, a copy of "The Lost Daughter, and other tales," by Mrs. L. H. Leitz. The writings of this author are well known and widely popular, and the volume before us contains some of the best of them. It will be sent free of postage for \$1.25.

RURAL HAND BOOKS. Messrs. Fowler & Wells, New York, announce a new series of hand-books on "The House," "The Garden," "The Farm," and "Domestic Animals," which will soon be issued. The first of the series, "The Garden," will be ready in a few days. Price in paper covers, 30 cents; in cloth, 50 cents. We shall notice them more particularly, on their appearance.

THE MONTHLY. We can only call attention to the March Nos. of Harper's, the Atlantic, the National, and Knickerbocker Magazines. They are all good numbers. They may be had of A. Williams & Co., Boston, or C. A. Pierce, Augusta.

NOTICES of several new books in our next, among them Blackwood and the Educator, for this month.

CITY ELECTION.

Our annual election passed off yesterday, (Monday), very quietly. The Republicans elected their candidates, throughout, with one or two exceptions. The candidates for Mayor were Hon. James W. North, re-nominated, and Al Staples, Esq. The vote in the several wards was as follows:

Ward.	North.	Staples.
1	123	46
2	99	45
3	132	29
4	71	50
5	18	18
6	69	6
7	70	5
Total.	617	199

Majority for North, 418.

The vote for Judge of the Municipal Court was nearly the same as that for Mayor, and resulted in the election of Samuel Titcomb, Esq., the present incumbent. The opposing candidate was Elias Craig, Esq.

In the case of going to press we have been unable to obtain a list of the ward officers elected.

The first meeting of the new City Council will be held on Monday next. We shall endeavor to lay the Mayor's Address before our readers, next week.

FIRE IN BIDDEFORD.

An account of the destructive fire in Biddeford, last week, will be found in another column. The principal sufferer seems to be our friend, the publisher of the Journal and Union, Louis O. Cowan, Esq., who not only loses his office, type, presses, &c., but all his books and furniture. His entire loss he estimates at \$5000, besides notes and accounts to the amount of \$2000 and upwards, while his insurance is only \$2000. Mr. C. is peculiarly unfortunate, this being the third time he has been burned out. He has our hearty sympathy, and best wishes for a speedy recovery from his losses.

On the night after the above fire, the house of Mr. Marcus Watson, publisher of the Gazette, was burnt. The fire was entirely consumed. The furniture was mostly saved. It is thought the fire was set by an incendiary. This is the second time Mr. W. has been burnt out within two years. His loss at this time is about \$1700. The barn was insured for \$200 in the Saco Mutual, and the house for \$675 in the Lowell Traders and Mechanics Ins. Co.

PASSING WORTHLESS MONEY.

Two men, passing under the names of Capt. Geo. C. Carlton and Marsh P. Carleton, of Westford, Mass., were arrested at So. Danvers, on the 27th ult., charged with passing worthless bills on the Metropolitan Bank, of Georgetown, D. C. On the person of the first were found seven dollars in one's, two's and three's on the Metropolitan Bank, and two two's on the Shipbuilders' Bank, of Rockland, Me. About twelve dollars in bills and silver, good money, were also found upon him together with a number of letters. From the other party there were taken three coats, two vests, \$32 in two's and three's on the Metropolitan Bank, four two's on the failed Bank of Milford, Delaware, one dollar bill (bad) on the Freeman's Bank, Augusta, Me., and about \$16 in bills and coin supposed to be good. In default of bail in \$800 they were committed for examination.

LARCENY.

On Wednesday last, the room of Mr. Henry S. Osgood, at the Stanley House, was entered and the sum of \$14 taken from his pocket-book, which was then thrown into the street, where it was afterwards found. Suspicion fell upon a boy by the name of Edward Brainerd, who has been employed about the house for a few weeks, and a close watch was kept upon his movements. On Monday evening, he attended the dramatic performances at Winthrop Hall, and offered a ten dollar bill in payment for his ticket, which proved to be one of the bills taken from Mr. Osgood's pocket-book. He was arrested and will have his examination this, Tuesday, afternoon.

INVITATION EXTENDED.

We learn that the Winthrop Church (Congregational), of Charles-town, Mass., have extended an invitation to Rev. E. B. Webb, of this city, to settle over the church. Mr. Webb has heretofore refused similar invitations, and his society, by whom he is highly respected, will doubtless prevail upon him to remain where he is already accomplishing much good.

TRANSPORTATION.

By an error in paging the manuscript, the concluding portion of the first number of the review of Mr. Goodale's report appears as the conclusion of the second number, on the first page of this week's paper. If the reader will begin at the paragraph commencing "And its virtue is not only," &c., and read to the signature, and then read the first part of this week's article, he will have it all in its proper order.

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COURT RECORD.

Supreme Judicial Court.

The Supreme Judicial Court commenced its session in this city on Tuesday, March 21, Judge Presiding. The prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Armistead, after which the docket was called and the actions marked for trial.

The first case presented to the jury was No. 295, Parker Sheldon, *admr.* vs. William Connor. Action of trover, Whitmore & Paine for the plaintiff; John T. Abbott for the defence. Verdict for defendant.

March 4. No. 292, Isiah M. Furber vs. Samuel Kimball *admr.* *assumpsit.* Verdict for the plaintiff, Titcomb and Vose for the defence. Verdict for plaintiff, damages assessed in the sum of \$85.55.

March 4. No. 292, Benj. Field vs. E. A. Field, Trespass on real estate. Vose for the plaintiff, Titcomb and Bradbury for the defence. Verdict for plaintiff.

March 6. Henry S. Jones, common drunkard. Sentenced to 30 days in jail. Committed. Maria L. Owen, Drunkenness, &c. Fined \$5 and costs. Committed.

DEATH OF COMMODORE PERRY.

Com. Matthew Calbraith Perry died on Thursday morning last, in the city of New York, aged 63 years. Com. Perry's services have been numerous and distinguished. From the war of 1812 to the present time, he has been almost constantly in active service.

The Providence Journal gives the following interesting account of Com. Perry's life and services:—

Another naval hero, whose name is dear to Rhode Island, has passed away. Commodore Matthew C. Perry, the first successful negotiator of a treaty with Japan, who opened up to our country and to the commercial world her ports hitherto closed, and established amicable relations with that secluded people, died yesterday morning after a few days illness.

This distinguished officer was the son of Captain Raymond Perry, of South Kingstown, in this State, who in the beginning of this century commanded the frigate Commodore Green out of Newport. He had five sons and three daughters. The sons all entered the navy, viz: Oliver Hazard, who achieved the victory on Lake Erie; Raymond, who attained to the rank of post captain, and died about thirty years ago in Brazil; Matthew C., the subject of our notice; and Alexander, who was a midshipman about twelve years in the flag-ship Lawrence on Lake Erie, and was drowned some years after in an attempt to save a sinking brother officer; and Nathaniel, who died, a purser in the navy, many years since. Two of the three daughters married army officers and are left widows.

Matthew C. Perry was a midshipman in the war of 1812, and was on board the President, commanded by Commodore Rogers, when she lay near this city, waiting an opportunity to pass the British squadron and reach the ocean. He was kept in constant employment, until his return three years since from Japan.

The traits of his mind rendered his services invaluable to his country, were extensive knowledge of national law, and of existing treaties, which, added to a clear insight into the springs of human action, and great prudence and circumspection, with indomitable perseverance, in whatever he undertook, qualified him in an eminent degree for skillful and successful diplomacy.

He commanded the fleet of Gen. Cruz in the Mexican war, was sent Eastward to restore order to our fisheries off Nova Scotia, and was ordered to Japan in the double capacity of Commander-in-Chief of the squadron and plenipotentiary to negotiate a treaty with that strangely secluded nation, the result of which was well known to the world. The Legislature of his native State did him the honor to confer upon him the distinguished naval commander, by awarding him not only thanks, but an elegant and well-deserved token of their high appreciation of his important services.

DEATH OF THOS. B. SANFORD. Capt. Thos. B. Sanford, well known in this State as a steamboat proprietor and captain, died at the residence of his brother, in New York, on Thursday last. The Bangor Union says:—

Capt. Sanford was the second son of the late Menomon Sanford of New York, who had a wide reputation as a successful and energetic seaman. His family of sons inherited their father's vocation, and are well known to the traveling public between this city and Philadelphia. The Sanford Line of steamers between this city and Boston was established about twenty years since, we believe. Capt. Asa Sanford, the oldest son, commanded the line during the first year, and died in 1849.

Capt. Thos. B. Sanford came to this city about sixteen years since, and commanded the favorite steamer T. F. Seacor, which plied between this city, Castine and other towns in the eastern Penobscot Bay, and connected with the line to Boston and New York. He was a fine vessel of the Boston and New York line, and was a favorite with the traveling public between this city and Boston. Several years since he married a daughter of the late Abner Taylor, Esq., and has since resided in this city.

THE LEADER. This vessel, whose loss we mentioned last week, was insured as follows:—\$25,000 in Bath office; \$5000 in Brunswick; and \$10,000 in Boston. The Captain, we understand, has written to his owners that the steamer was in fault, and that he has libelled and seized her.

SHIPWRECK AND LOSS OF LIFE.

We published a few weeks since a notice of the missing schooner Maygar of this port, bound from Baltimore to Antigua. By the last steamer the owners have received from the American consul at Havre the following account of the fate of the vessel and crew:—

The Maygar sailed from Baltimore on the 20th of October, with a cargo of flour, meal, and corn, and a crew of seven men. On the 7th of November, in a severe gale, she was knocked down by a heavy sea, and after cutting away her mainmast, righted again, but the sea breaking over her in all directions and being filled with water, she again cut away her foremast, and in doing so was washed overboard and lost. A man named John Riley was also washed overboard and lost. About the end of November the two seamen, John Davis and John Lindsay, died from the effects of the cold. The vessel was found on the 28th day of the wreck with no food except two bags of corn, fished from the vessel, which were completely saturated with salt water, and no water during the whole time, except one day when the crew were able to get some rain water. On the 5th of December the three survivors, Elbridge S. Thomas, Henry Edwards, and John S. Edwards, were taken off by a French vessel and landed at Havre. The Maygar was a fine vessel of 150 tons, owned by parties in this city, and commanded by Capt. Robert R. Haver, of Rockland. There was no insurance on the vessel, but we understand there was on her cargo.

REPUBLICAN JOURNAL.

FIRE IN BETHEL. The Sash and Blind Factory of Foster, Buck & Co., at Bethel Hill, was consumed by fire on Tuesday night. The loss was considerable. The factory was a large building, and was filled with sash, and other glass work. The fire broke out about 10 o'clock, and spread rapidly. The loss was estimated at \$1000. The factory was owned by Foster, Buck & Co., and was managed by John Foster. The fire was caused by a defective chimney. The loss was a severe one, and the factory will have to be rebuilt. The loss was a severe one, and the factory will have to be rebuilt. The loss was a severe one, and the factory will have to be rebuilt.

BRIDGE DAMAGED.

Monday morning a large body of ice was carried by the tide with so much force against the abutment on which the southern end of the covered part of the bridge rests, as to split off the upper part of the abutment and carry it about five feet out of its place.

UNITED STATES LANDS IN CALIFORNIA.

The Pittsburgh Post says: "Among the passengers who sailed on the Star of the West from New York for California, on the 21st instant, were Edwin M. Stanton, Esq., and James Buchanan, Jr., nephew of the President, both of Pittsburgh. Mr. Stanton is employed by the government to defend the title of the United States to lands sold to parties in California, and now claimed by others under Mexican and Spanish grants. Millions of dollars worth of property is involved in the issue. Mr. Buchanan will assist Mr. Stanton as counsel in the case."

GATHERED NEWS FRAGMENTS, &c.

Walker and Henningsen. New Orleans, March 3. Wm. Walker arrived here to-day and has taken his old quarters. Gen. Henningsen is also here. Gen. Walker voluntarily gave bail to-day in the sum of \$4000 to appear before the Court on the fourth Monday in April.

Chicago Election. Chicago, March 3. The Municipal election yesterday passed off quietly, and the vote was the largest ever polled. The entire Republican ticket was elected by an average majority of one thousand.

Arrest of a Counterfeiter. Chicago, March 1. J. B. Shears, alias Wilford, supposed to be the leader of the Indiana gang of counterfeiters, was arrested here on Saturday night. A large amount of bogus coin was found in his possession.

Murder by a Slave. A negro in the employ of Joseph H. Harris of New Providence, Tenn., having been punished by his master for theft, attacked him with an axe while sitting in his office, dealing several mortal blows, then thrust the head of his victim into the place, and set fire to the office. The fire was immediately discovered, and the body of Mr. Harris rescued from the flames. The negro, who is described as an intelligent, active fellow, and who once attempted to escape to the North, was arrested, and having confessed the bloody deed, was immediately hung.

Counterfeiters in Indiana. Several members of an organized gang of counterfeiters having their headquarters at Lafayette, Ind., have been arrested. They manufactured and put in circulation bogus silver coin to a large amount, and the people of Jasper county have become so exasperated at the extent of their villainies, that they have formed a society of regulators and threaten a war of extermination upon all the scoundrels they are able to catch.

The Winter in Europe. A letter from the Isle of Guernsey, in the English Channel, dated Feb. 4, says: "The winter with us has been so mild that many of the oldest inhabitants do not remember such a one for the last fifty years. I saw raspberries and hawthorn blossoms last month, and the Vale had gooseberries as large as green peas, not more than a month since."

The Importation of Slaves Authorized by the Louisiana Legislature. New Orleans, March 3. A bill passed the House of Representatives of Louisiana, authorizing a company already organized, to import 2500 free blacks from the Coast of Africa, to be indentured for not less than fifteen years.

Steamer Burnt, and Thirty-Nine Lives Lost. New Orleans, March 3. A dispatch from Mobile states that the steamer Eliza Battle was burnt at Kemp's Landing, near Demopolis, Ala., on Monday evening. Thirty-nine lives were lost, and 1200 bales of cotton destroyed. Among the lost was the Rev. Mr. Merriman of Louisville, Ky. Many of the sufferers were frozen in the water.

Man Missing. Mr. Jacob Goldthwait, of Bangor, has been missing from home since Wednesday, Feb. 17th. No traces of him have been found, and he is conjectured to have frozen to death.

Sudden Death. Mr. John Pomroy of Hancock, one day last week, went out to search for a calf, that did not return with his other stock from browsing in the woods, and not returning as his family expected search was made, and he was found at 2 o'clock in the morning, dead.

DOINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

SATURDAY, FEB. 27. The monthly account of the City Marshal was presented and allowed.

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